

# Letters to the Editor ...

## Spying via America Online

Hi, Duncan: Well, am I shocked/dismayed/proven right! I have been using America Online (AOL) for the last few years now and had no idea that it was being used a tool of infiltration and spying until I started associating my frequent crashes, the disappearance of my whole e-mail list and the further disappearance of my last six months of e-mails.

This was happening regularly until I started wondering what my computer was doing when some mail took forever to download—far longer than it should have taken for its file size. I lost my whole hard-drive...corrupted mysteriously... before I cottoned on to what may be happening.

When a savvy privacy expert warned me about the sinister meaning of extended e-mail download times, I started taking close notes. I also noticed that I would get unsolicited "official AOL software" files in my AOL preferences folder, where they would not get noticed.

I have some software that peers into the guts of almost any application or file, and I saw—gasp!—big sections of my private database in the (AOL) "Window Size Database" and the (AOL) "Access Numbers" file that download stealthily into my (window now always kept open on my desktop) System/Preferences/AOL Preferences/Data/Folder.

These people clearly have all my confidential data, addresses, phone numbers, bank account details, PIN numbers, and all the details that one would want to keep private—all 1,100 or so records with notes and scary details.

Surely this is the security services operating through AOL, but it is a major piece of info that your readers should know. They just need to be able to inspect the files I mentioned to verify it for themselves. How does it work? I mean, how does AOL get into my database? Dunno again.

Regards,

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## Mass Media Mind Slaves

Dear Editor: I feel the need to express my gratitude and admiration for consistently providing me and others like me with information that is essential if one wants

to make intelligent decisions and preserve a critical view of reality.

Mass media has taken over from religion as the "opium of the masses", since people accept the presented reality without any reservations or second-guessing. Most of us have become Mind Slaves to the all-knowing TV moghuls. Commercially have been elevated to art status, and we actually watch programs devoted entirely to the screening of ads.

I feel that the human race, as far as it has access to Western (American) luxuries and ideas, is sinking ever deeper into a seemingly deliberately organised dumification. We have become mindless, consuming and utterly self-centred automatons. The ideal is a human who works 70 hours a week, consumes beyond all reasonability, accumulates massive debts and maintains the status quo. Why do we live the way that we do? Because the system is self-perpetuating. Those in power have the power to preserve that which is, and have absolutely no interest in changing the mindset of their well-maintained herd (flock).

We are riding on a train that is fast approaching its last stop and are blithely bickering over the next promotion or dreaming about that large screen TV, while the world we are rushing through is fed at an ever-increasing speed into the all-consuming furnace that powers our civilisation!

Thank you very much for trying to disturb our comfortable passage into oblivion.

Cheers,

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## Overdosing on TV Drug Ads

Hello: Though I don't know anything about other parts of the world, America has become rife with the proliferation of prescription drug advertising on the television, and it is making all of us sick.

If you haven't done any articles on this, or if it has been a long time since you have, I wish you would consider something about this problem. We are all being subliminally seduced and conditioned to expect sickness and that drugs are the way to a cure. We are being both drugged and

induced to accept that healing is something coming from without, instead of within. Fifty times a day, drug ads bombard us with the messages that "things" are lurking out there, trying to get us, and that their drugs will protect us. The globalisation of business, the one world order, the proliferation of illicit drugs and the prison systems are all prospering from this constant, hypnotic induction of disease.

I have recently started a campaign to get them removed from TV and have written letters to our CDC, FDA, FTC that they be stopped. All of us are being negatively impacted by these ads and their ramifications will be felt for generations to come. They are eroding the whole fabric of mankind. Help, and thank you.

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## Fluoride Dangers Ignored

Dear Editor: Why is that, in the UK, all Health Visitors (is that name a contradiction in terms?!) seem to promote actively the use of fluoride drops on a daily basis for babies and toddlers? Surely the fact that fluoride is already in most toothpastes is enough, let alone adding to the daily intake with extra drops!

I have refused to use fluoride drops for both of my children, aged 14 months and five years. The Health Visitor spent ages going through all the benefits of fluoride and telling me how I was damaging my children's teeth by not giving extra fluoride. Both my children have strong teeth and the elder one has not got any fillings. I also ensure that they both use a fluoride-free toothpaste.

When I showed your article to my Health Visitor, she said that publications like these only damage children's health. She just did not want to know! I would have thought that as a health professional she would be interested to look at both points of view—but not so, it seems.

Thanks for your informative health articles; slowly I am managing to change my lifestyle, thanks to your magazine.

Susan Grayson, Susan.Grayson@lasmo.com

[Dear Susan: See the update on fluoride next issue. Ed.]

## Analysing UFO, POW Photos

Dear Editor: Highly enjoyed the article in NEXUS called "UFOs and National Security: An Interview with Clifford Stone" [7/01]. NEXUS is a very informative magazine and an enjoyable read.

The Government knows about UFOs and may even know where they come from. During my time I spent in the US Army Military Intelligence (MI), I was stationed in Seoul, South Korea, with PIC-K (Photo Interpretation Center—Korea). My job as a 97 Bravo (Intelligence Analyst) was to catalogue aerial images of North Korea and mainland China—images that were taken by reconnaissance aircraft and satellites. A few times I had to catalogue and classify radar images, information and pictures of unidentified flying objects. UFO images and information were sent to DIA and then later channelled to the CIA.

At the time, I held a Top Secret SBI (Special Background Investigation) clearance. I worked side by side with image interpreters, and one time a blurry photo came through of what was possibly an American POW in Vietnam. The year was 1981.

I hope your magazine will continue to seek out the truth, because the truth is truly out there.

Sincerely yours,

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## Nuclear Waste Transmutation

Dear Duncan: Your recent article by Robert A. Nelson on "Transmutations of Nuclear Waste" [7/02] was of considerable interest. The following additional information may be of interest to your readers.

Dr S.-X. Jin, Chief Scientist for Trenergy, Inc., has shown in a recent article (published in the *Journal of New Energy*) that a new type of particle accelerator can be built. Here are the important facts:

A proton (ionised hydrogen atom) particle accelerator has been shown to transmute high-level radioactive wastes (such as spent fuel pellets from nuclear power plants).

Dr Jin shows that a new type of particle accelerator, based on work

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done in Trenergy's laboratories, can be fabricated that is analytical up to one million times more effective in terms of proton density on target than any of the existing particle accelerators.

In my judgement, the development of this new technology would allow for the on-site transmutation of high-level radioactive wastes into stable elements. Billions of dollars can be saved by not packaging, transporting and storing these wastes in geological storage for 10,000 years.

Best personal regards,

Hal Fox, Editor, *Journal of New Energy*, halfox@slkc.uswest.net

## Unfair Slur on Psychology

Dear NEXUS: I am responding to your article "Psychiatry: Shrinking from the Truth" [7/01], which was quite unbalanced. I could not respond to all the article's flaws in such a small space, so I'll be brief.

Firstly, some fair points have been made regarding psychiatrists, shock treatment, drugs and psychoanalysis. It is a shame that some members of the mental health community, either by being greedy or overzealous, actually cause more harm than good.

However, the actions of these people does not allow for a blanket generalisation being drawn that suggests all psychologists and psychiatrists are bad.

I'll remind you that many fields of "science", such as the much-revered chemistry, have been affected by corruption in our time: Monsanto, nuclear power, genetics—need I go on? Is this a good enough reason to ban all chemistry?

Many treatments used by psychologists (such as cognitive behaviour therapy) have been shown countless times, in thousands of journals, to be quite effective in treating a range of problems. The research in the article had methodological flaws of its own.

The article focused (conveniently) on treatments that no reasonable psychologist would use these days. I couldn't find one doctor/lecturer/professor at my university who would agree with the practices listed as "exalted".

I agree wholeheartedly that, sadly, many psychiatrists have

abused their positions in society (though this trend is mainly happening in the US). The author is pointing her finger at the wrong target. The problems regarding the "DSM", ECT, drugs, ADD, etc. are all largely related to bad psychiatry (not most of psychology) and the "biomedical" model of health. Under this model, medicine relies solely on "hard science" (such as the logic of treating cancer with radioactive poisons), and ignores alternative therapy. Funnily enough, all of the treatments these people advocate are highly profitable (for example, the pharmaceutical industry).

There is great irony in attacking (by generalisation) psychology on the grounds it has no scientific basis, when the real problem is connected to that hard science so revered by the article.

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## ETs and Our Environment

To the Editor: I admit to enjoying reading articles about UFOs and alien contact, but I do believe that there is a very dangerous message contained within the article, "Meetings with Remarkable Aliens" (Feb-Mar 2000, 7/02). The danger lies in the myth that anyone in government or private enterprise has access to some form of remarkable technology that is going to stop humankind's destruction of the environment.

Rather than hoping for some new technology, humankind needs to take/accept responsibility for the environmental crisis and change its own behaviour, attitude and morality towards the natural environment. We choose a violent path of destruction of nature. We have the free will to choose a different path.

Expecting new technology to solve the environmental crisis is a dangerous excuse for continuing on the same path of material satiation and environmental destruction. Waiting for aliens to reveal this new technology is a similar form of procrastination.

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*[Dear Geoff: Firstly, the technology exists to run cars on water; to have free, unlimited electricity; and to eliminate polluting energy sources totally. I agree that we*

*need to accept responsibility, but the people are being conned by the very transnational conglomerates which would cause economic collapse if they switched to "free energy".*

*Secondly, as for "waiting for aliens", I suggest you actually read the article. Nowhere therein does it suggest we should 'wait'; on the contrary, the 'aliens' encourage and advocate our taking responsibility for our planet. Ed.]*

## Truth: the Greatest Religion

Dear Duncan: Thank you for all the wonderful work you put into NEXUS Magazine. This is the only magazine I have ever subscribed to on a regular basis. I find all your articles interesting and thought provoking.

Recently I purchased Laurence Gardner's book, *Bloodline of the Holy Grail*, as a result of reading the articles and letters to the editor in NEXUS, and, boy, what a mind-spin! I must say that Laurence's book is a real eye-opener. Who could ever have believed the extent of the treachery and deceit that has been foisted upon the unsuspecting general public of the ages?

Whilst reading Laurence's book, I experienced feelings of anger, resentment and despair towards the so-called leaders and representatives of our various governments, but also feelings of relief, elation and intense joy that someone has finally helped me to make sense of all the little quirks of history, religion and the Bible that I queried as a teenager. Thanks to Laurence Gardner, I now understand why, as a young boy, I could not stand to walk into an Anglican or Roman Catholic church.

They say there is no religion greater than the truth, and they are right. Thank you so much.

Regards,

Dave Dennis, daviddennis@one.net.au

## Products of Society

Dear Duncan: Thank you for your insightful magazine. I don't wish to turn this section into a gossip column, but I really must reply to Chris [Letters, 7/02].

We need to be realistic. We all know why drugs are illegal—and

it's not because they are bad for us. People, especially the young, will always find a way to get out of it.

All you can do as a parent is to educate them and not to alienate them if they do stray. Also, you need to accept the fact that it is not the person on the street who is to blame for his addiction, but the person beside him who allowed it to happen. All drugs need to be legalised so that we can deal with the problem openly, honestly and finally.

Now, I don't sell drugs; I'm not a junkie; I don't even smoke pot. In fact, I'm doing 20 years for killing a drug grower.

So I now find myself in a system which makes relatively good people bad and bad people worse—a system which promotes ignorance and apathy.

We criminals are not victims of society, we are a product of society. We, like everyone else, are the product of everyone we ever came into contact with: parents, teachers, friends, strangers, TV, etc. I have not yet met a person in prison who, given the right guidance, could not have taken a completely different path.

So, ask yourself what you have done to help and guide those around you. Judging and directing blame is easy. It's about time communities took an active, positive interest in the "rehabilitation" of inmates in "correctional" centres, rather than bitch about and turn your backs on them, on us, on me.

I'm doing 20 years for killing another criminal and I probably deserve every day of it; however, eventually I will be back in society, perhaps even in your community. How would you like me back: educated and self-confident, or ignorant and resentful?

Mary Shelley once wrote: "No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks."

May Peace and Love be with you,

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